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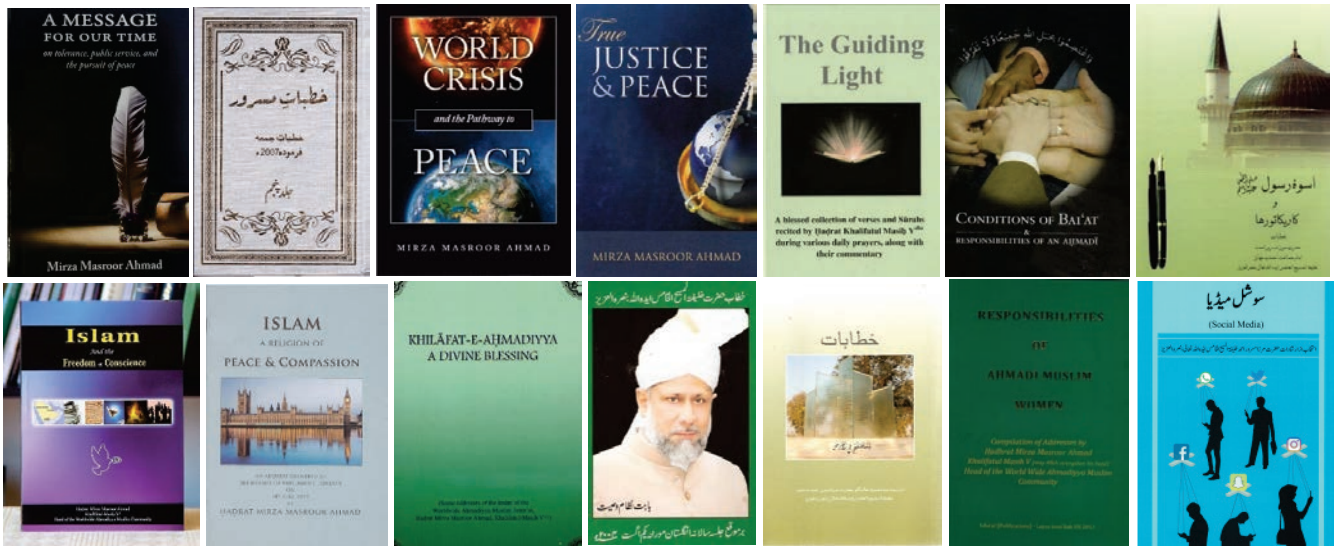

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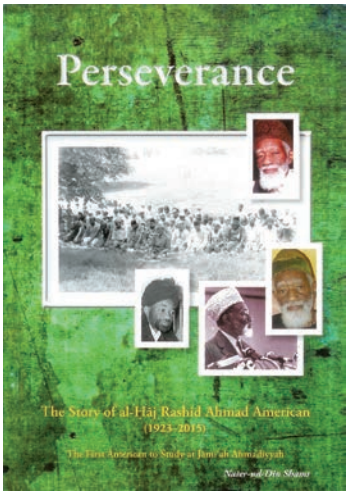

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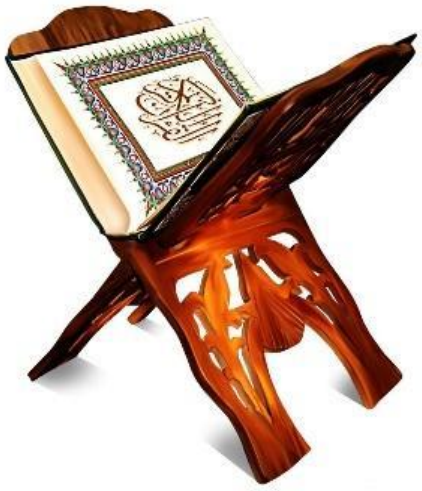

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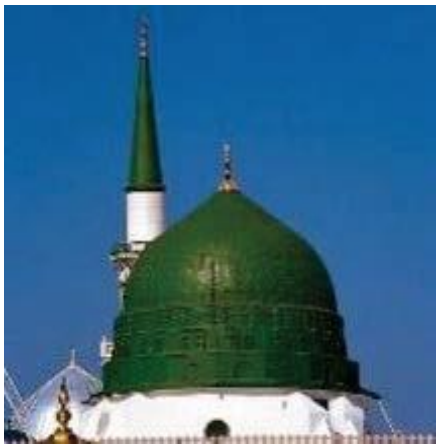
وَ لَا تَقُوۡلُوۡا لِمَنۡ يُّقۡتَلُ فِىۡ سَبِيۡلِ اللّٰهِ اَمۡوَاتٌ ؕ بَلۡ اَحۡيَآءٌ وَّ لٰكِنۡ لَّا تَشۡعُرُوۡنَ

“O ye who believe, seek help with patience and Prayer; surely, Allah is with the steadfast. And say not of those who are killed in the cause of Allah that they are dead; nay, they are living; only you perceive not.” (2[Al-Baqarah]: 154-155) [English translation of the Holy Qur’ān by Maulawi Sher Ali]

Commentary: The verse contains a golden principle of success. Firstly, a man should be constant in his endeavors, never relaxing his efforts and never losing heart, at the same time avoiding what is harmful and sticking fast to all that is good. Secondly, he should pray to God for success; for He alone is the source of all good.

The verse comprises a great psychological truth which is calculated to exercise immense influence on the life and progress of a people. A community that does not duly honor those of its members who lay down their lives for the cause for which the community stands, sows the seed of its own ruin. Again, a community which does not arrange to remove the fear of death from the hearts of its members, seals its own fate. The verse under comment provides an effective safeguard against both these dangers. (The Holy Quran with English Translation and Commentary (a.k.a. Five-Volume Commentary), Commentary on Chapter (2[Al-Baqarah]: 154-155)

Guidance from the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him on martyrdom

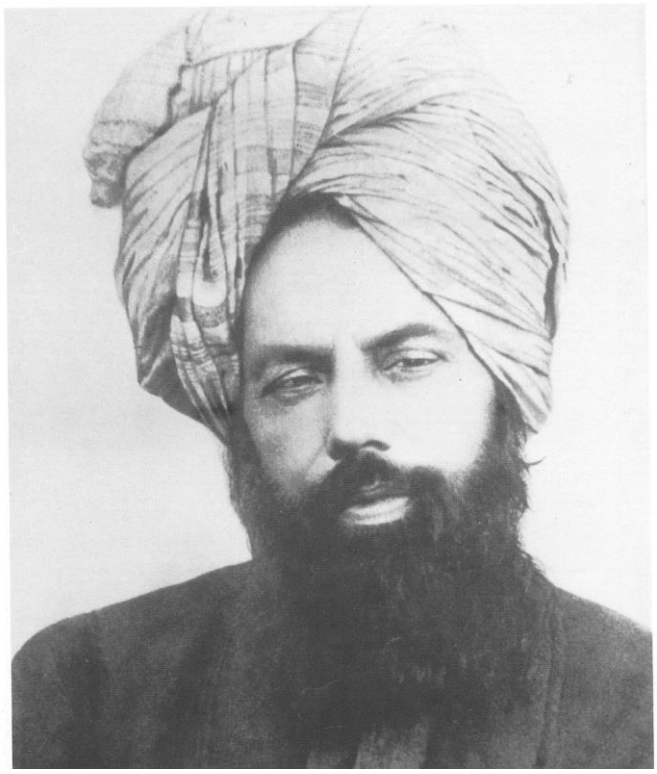


وَعَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:” مَا تَعُدُّونَ الشَّهِيدَ فِيكُمْ؟“ قَالُوا: ”يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ مَنْ قُتِلَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَهُوَ شَهِيدٌ“ قَالَ:” إِنَّ شُهَدَاءَ أُمَّتِي إِذًا لِقَلِيلٌ: مَنْ قُتِلَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَهُوَ شَهِيدٌ وَمَنْ مَاتَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَهُوَ شَهِيدٌ وَمَنْ مَاتَ فِي الطَّاعُونِ فَهُوَ شَهِيدٌ وَمَنْ مَاتَ فِي الْبَطْنِ فهوَ شهيدٌ “

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) relates that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) asked: Whom do you consider a martyr? He was answered: Messenger of Allah, he who is slain in the cause of Allah is a martyr. He said: “Then there will be few martyrs among my people.” He was asked: “Messenger of Allah, who is then a martyr?” The Holy Prophet answered: “He who is slain in the cause of Allah is a martyr, he who dies in the cause of Allah is a martyr, he who dies of the plague is a martyr, he who dies of cholera is a martyr, he who dies of drowning is a martyr.” (Muslim)[Gardens of the Righteous (Riyadh as-Salihin of Imam Nawawi, Translated by Muhammad Zafrulla Khan, Hadith # 1359, p. 228, Islam International Publications, Tilford, UK)]

The Status of Martyrdom

From sayings and discourses of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him



The third station of excellence is that of the martyrs (Shuhada). Generally, people believe that a martyr (Shaheed) is simply a person who is killed by an arrow or a gun, or someone who meets a sudden, unexpected death. However, in the estimation of Allah the Exalted, the station of martyrdom (shahadat) is not limited to this alone. I must express with regret that the Pathans of the frontier region are also foolishly obsessed with attacking British officials and in turn, they only disgrace Islam with their madness. They believe that if they kill a non-believer or someone belonging to another religion, they will be deemed as fighting in the cause of Islam, and so if they are killed, they shall be martyrs. I am also disappointed in the wretched clergy who incite these mad Pathans. They do not tell them that if a person kills someone unjustly, they are not fighting in the cause of Islam, rather they are tyrants; if they are killed in such fighting, they are not martyrs, rather they die the illegitimate death of suicide, because Allah the Exalted states in (2[Al-Baqarah]: 196):

لَا تُلۡقُوۡا بِاَیۡدِیۡکُمۡ اِلَی التَّهۡلُکَةِ

And cast not yourselves into ruin with your own hands.

Such people throw themselves into the hands of death themselves and thereby create disorder. I firmly believe that they are deserving of a severe punishment. In short, the common people have understood martyrdom in the limited sense that I have just mentioned, and confine the station of a martyr to the aforementioned. However, in my view, the deeper reality of a martyr, irrespective of whether or not their body is physically cut down or not, is something quite different. It is a state that relates to the heart. Bear in mind that one who sits at the rank of the Truthful enjoys nearness to the prophet and is second in line after him; a martyr bears resemblance in nature to the Truthful. Now a prophet possesses all of these excellences; in other words, a prophet is from among the Truthful, he is also from among the martyrs and from among the Righteous as well. However, the station of the Truthful is distinct from that of a martyr. There is no need to engage in a debate on whether the Truthful are also martyrs or not. At both of these two ranks, the station of excellence that a person attains, which in every respect is deemed to be extraordinary and miraculous, is different in level and degree. Therefore, Allah the Exalted bestows upon a martyr the strength which enables them to perform excellent deeds and morals in the most complete and purest sense, without any forced effort. No fear or expectation spurs these good deeds, rather, they become a part of their very nature and disposition. The nature of such a one need not strain themselves to do good. For example, if a beggar were to approach someone, now whether the person has anything to give or not, they will feel compelled to give the beggar something—if not due to fear of God, then out of regard for what people will think. However, a martyr is free from such strain and forced effort, and this power and strength of theirs continues to increase. As their power continues to grow stronger, the initial difficulty that is felt in doing good proportionally decreases, until they feel no burden whatsoever. For what would an elephant feel if an ant sat upon its head? (Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi (on whom be peace), Malfūzāt, Vol. 2, pp. 96-98, Islam International Publications, Farnham, Surrey, UK, Printed in 2019)

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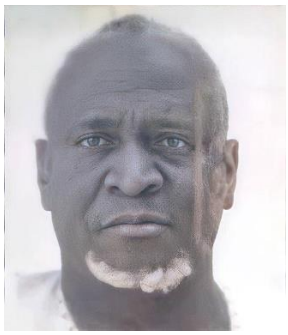

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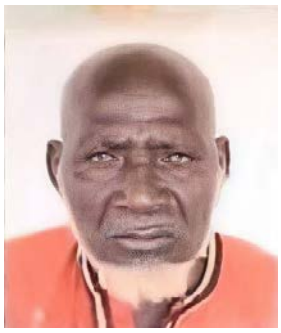

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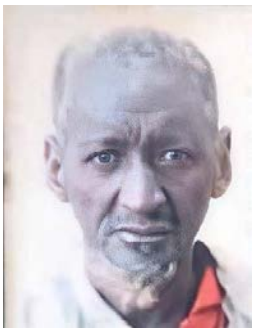

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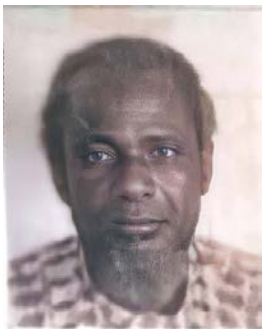

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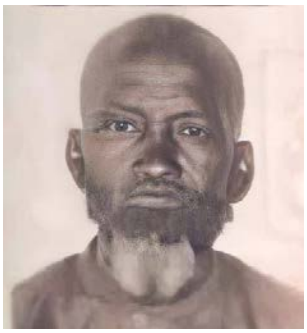

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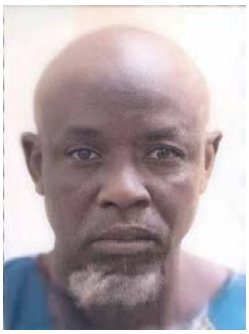

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The National President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Burkina Faso said;

"Around the world, religious extremists are tarnishing the pure and beautiful teachings of Islam in order to further their censured agenda. The innocent and peace-loving Ahmadis of Burkina Faso have been subjected to such a horrific agenda that must be denounced with the greatest severity. We condemn all such dreadful acts of the extremist religious fanatics." (Report by Tabshir Office, Ahmadiyya Muslim Foreign Missions Office)

Summaries of Friday Sermons of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V December 2022

May Allah support him with His mighty help

6 January 2023

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his helper) announced 66th year of Waqfe-e-Jadid scheme. The 65th year of Waqf-e-Jadid ended on 31 December 2022. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community presented more than £12.2m in sacrifices, an increase of £928,000 from the last year, despite difficult financial conditions in the world. Jamā'ats of UK, Canada, Germany and USA were first, second, third and fourth respectively. In terms of percentage of Waqf-e-Jadid contribution, USA stood first followed by Switzerland and UK.

13 January 2023

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his helper) said that some aspects of certain companions of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on them) could not be completed in the previous sermons. So, he shall describe some of them in today's sermon. They are: Hazrat Abdullah bin Jahash (may Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Salih Shukran (may Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Malik bin Dakhsham (may Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Ukasha bin Mihsan (may Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Kharijah bin Zaid (may Allah be pleased with him) Hazrat Ziyad bin Labiid (may Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Khalid bin Bukair (may Allah be pleased with him) & Hazrat Ammar bin Yasir (may Allah be pleased with him).

20 January 2023

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V recited āyāt 155 to 157 of Surah Al-Baqarah. The translation of these āyāt is: And say not of those who are killed in the cause of Allah that they are dead; nay, they are living; only you perceive not. And We will try you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives, and fruits; but give glad tidings to the patient, Who, when a misfortune overtakes them, say, 'Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.'

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih described the martyrdom of nine Ahmadis on 11 January 2023 in the Mahdi Abad Community of Dori, Burkina Faso. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said that they are the shinning stars of Ahmadiyyat. They have written a new page in the history of not just in Africa but Ahmadiyyat all over the world. They gained eternal life for themselves. They fulfilled their oath by sacrificing their lives, wealth and time to the fullest extent. He prayed that may Allah make them the recipients of the rewards promised to those who sacrifice their lives for His sake. They are: Alhaj Boureima Bidiga, AG Maniel Alhassane, AG Maliel Ousseni, AG Hamidou Abdouramanae, AG Ibhrahim Souley, AG Soudeye Ousmane, AG Maguel Agali, AG Idrahi Moussa and AG Adramane Agouma. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (may Allah be his helper) prayed that may Allah continue to elevate the station of these martyrs. May their martyrdoms bear fruits and be the means of the message of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) spreading swiftly across the world.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih also led the funeral prayers in-absentia of Dr. Karimullah Zirvi and Amatul Latif Zirvi of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA.

27 January 2023

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V said that aspects of some companions of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on them) shall continue. Huzoor narrated faith inspiring episodes of the following companions: Hazrat Abu Lubabah bin Abdāl Mundhir (may Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Abu al-Zayyah bin Thabit bin Nu'man (may Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Ansa Maula Rasulullah (may Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Marthad bin Abi Marthad (may Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Abu Marthad Kannaz bin al-Husain al-Ghanawai (may Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Salīt bin Qais bin Amr (may Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Mujazzar bin Ziyad (may Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Rifa'ah bin Rafi' bin Malik Ajlān (may Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Usaid bin Malik bin Rabi'ah (may Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat 'Abdullah bin 'Abd al-Assad (may Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Khallād bin Rafi' al-Zurqi (may Allah be pleased with him), Hazrat Abbad bin Bishr (may Allah be pleased with him) and Hazrat Hātib bin Abi Balta'ah (may Allah be pleased with him).

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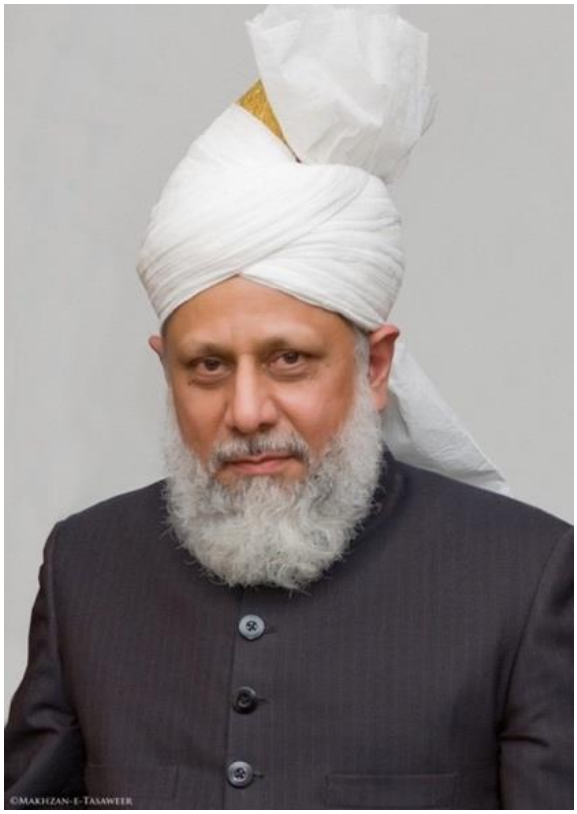
“He will be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge”— The prophecy of the Promised Messiah about Muslih Mau’ūd

Summary of the Friday Sermon of 18 Feb. 2022 by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (Allah be his helper)

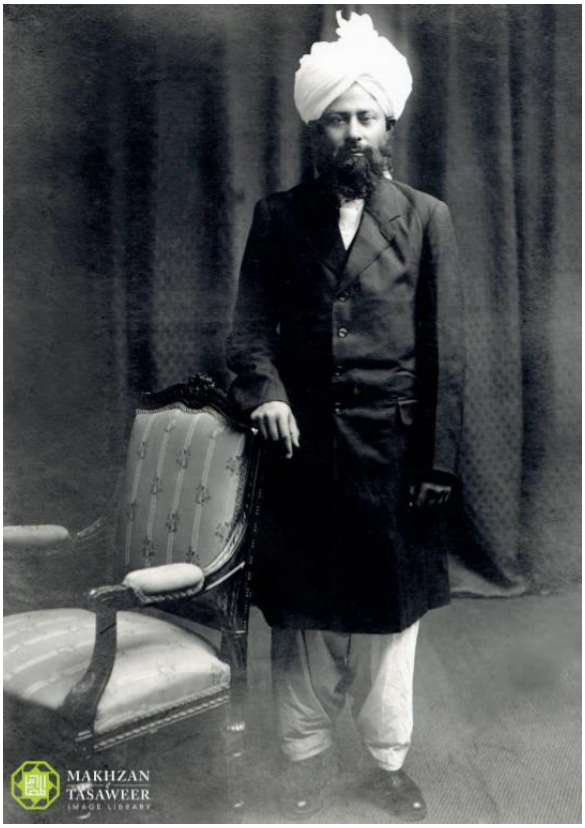


Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his helper) said that every year, on the 20th of February, we commemorate the prophecy of Muslih Mau‘ūd, foretelling the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) about the birth of a son, in response to those who said that Islam did not present any signs. Thus, the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) announced that one of the great signs which would manifest through him would be the birth of a son who would live a long life and render great services to the faith.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said not only was this prophecy made, but the specific time of this son’s birth was foretold, and fulfilled, along with the fulfilment of the many other signs.

The early life of Hazrat Muslih Mau‘ūd

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V said that one of the prophecies regarding the Promised Son was that he would live a long life. However, Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) described that in his childhood, his health was quite poor, to the point that at times it seemed as if he was wavering between life and death. It was thought that a child with such health could not live a long life. Furthermore, he also had an ailment of the eyes, to the extent that he was practically unable to see out of one eye. He was also diagnosed with various other ailments and illnesses. He struggled with his studies, and his teachers would complain to his father, the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) about his poor performance.



Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said that in light of this, who could have thought that a child with such poor health would live a long life, as had been prophesied? Furthermore, another one of the prophecies was that he would be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge, yet was not performing very well in basic studies. However, Hazrat Muslih Mau‘ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) states that this promise of being filled with secular and spiritual knowledge was made by God; thus, despite his performance in school, he would go on to pen such magnificent literary works which remain unmatched. Thus, he was certainly taught by God himself.

Knowledge granted directly from God Almighty

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said that Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) presented an example of how God Himself bestowed

knowledge upon him. Once, when he was young, he had a dream in which he heard the ringing of a loud bell. He then saw a frame forming, and within the frame there was a picture. The picture began moving, and then the image came out of the frame in the form of a person, who said that he was an angel of God. He said that he had been sent to teach him the meanings of Surah al-Fātiḥa, the opening chapter of the Holy Qur'an. Thus, he began teaching up until the verse "thee alone do we implore for help." The angel then said that up until then, all the exegesis had only written their commentaries up until that verse. Then he proceeded to teach Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) the commentary of the entire chapter. This was to signify that Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) was bestowed with true knowledge of the Holy Qur'an. Thus, Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) made an open challenge to the world that no one could challenge his knowledge of the Holy Qur'an. This bore true, as no one was able to accept this challenge.

Inspiration of a new meaning in Surah al-Fātiḥa

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said that once, while Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) was young, he was invited to deliver a speech after his football team won their match. He had not prepared at all, and thought back to the dream he had seen of the picture frame. He prayed to God to bestow within him such points regarding Surah al-Fātiḥa as had never been explained before by any commentator. As a result, God inspired him with knowledge regarding the verse 'not of those who have incurred Thy displeasure, nor of those who have gone astray.' He explained that every Muslim should pray not to be among such people, elucidating that 'those who have incurred displeasure' refer to the Jewish people and 'those who have gone astray' refers to Christians. Thus, we must pray to be saved from making the same mistakes as them. For example, those who reject the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) would be making the same mistake as the Jewish people of the past, and then at the time of the Messiah, there would be an uprising of Christianity, which would draw people away from the true faith due to their lack of understanding. It is interesting that the opening chapter of the Holy Qur'an was revealed in Makkah at a time when neither the Jews nor the Christians were particularly against Islam. It was in fact the idolaters of the time who were most opposed to Islam. Thus, by not mentioning them, God showed that idolatry would be defeated and never present any true danger.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said that after his speech and presenting these points, various learned and scholarly people came to him and expressed their amazement at the level of knowledge which he presented. Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) said that no matter the scholar, they would never be able to present a point which he could not refute or explain in light of the Holy Qur'an.

Realization in his early life about the existence of God

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said that in 1900, when Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) was 11 years old, he began wondering whether there was a God and why he believed in Him. He said that even at that age, he pondered a great deal, and eventually came to the certainty that God truly exists. He was overjoyed at this realization and prayed never to have doubt in God's existence. It was at that same age, that Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) wore a cloak of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) and prayed profusely. Later, when pondering over the truth of Ahmadiyyat, he thought that if God exists, then the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is true. If the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is true, then so too is the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). Thus, if the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) is true, then Ahmadiyyat must be true as well. One night, he was looking at the stars and thought what is there beyond the stars? He came to the realization that there would be more stars. He kept asking what would be beyond that, then coming to the same realization. He then came to the conclusion that if something like stars can seem to be continuous, then surely God is limitless. Thus, this was yet another example of how this child who did not complete a formal education, was filled with such intricate thoughts and realizations, as a result of the knowledge bestowed upon him by God Himself.

Hazrat Hakim Nooruddin plays a vital role in the education of Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said that the First Caliph (may Allah be pleased with him) played a pivotal role in the education of Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him). He knew that his eyesight was weak and could not read for long, thus he would ask Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) to sit beside him, and would read aloud to him.

Attaining profound knowledge in spite of eye ailments

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said that once, Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) was experiencing a bout of an ailment of the eyes whereby he could not even open his eyes. Seeing this state, the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) fasted for a few days, and as he opened the last fast, Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) opened his eyes and said that he could see again.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said that nevertheless, Hazrat

Muslih Mau'ūd 's (may Allah be pleased with him) vision from one eye was extremely weak. He described that he could see the path which he was walking on, but could not recognize people's faces. Furthermore, he could not read from that eye. Despite this all, he was able to reach profound levels of knowledge.

Complaint about his handwriting

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said that once, someone complained to the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) that Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd 's (may Allah be pleased with him) handwriting was extremely poor, and that he was not paying enough attention to his son's education. The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) summoned Hazrat Hakim Maulawi Nooruddin (may Allah be pleased with him) and told him about the complaint. The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) then tested Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him), by giving him something to write. Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) tried writing as carefully as he could. When the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) looked at what he wrote, he said that he had initially been very worried by the complaint presented to him, but Hazrat Muslih Mau'ud's (may Allah be pleased with him) writing was very similar to his own!

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said that Hazrat Hakim Maulawi Nooruddin (may Allah be pleased with him) would read aloud to Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him). He taught him the Holy Qur'an and its translation in three months and its commentary in two months, and then taught him all of Sahih al-Bukhari in the span of two to three months. He also began learning medicine from him as well along with various other types of knowledge.

A living sign for the truthfulness of Islam

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said that the writings of Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) which span thousands upon thousands of pages are a valuable treasure which we must take full advantage of.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said that Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) went on to declare that he was the fulfilment of the prophecy of Muslih Mau'ūd given to the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), thus proving to be a living sign for the religion of Islam and its truthfulness. In fact, the words of this prophecy will continue to bear true until the mission of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him).

Truly benefitting from the prophecy of the Promised Son

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said that commemorating this prophecy will only be of benefit when we realize that we must spread the true message of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) throughout the world, and bring the world under his banner. Today, there is none other than the followers of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) through whom the flag of Islam can be hoisted and the message of Islam be spread throughout the world. (Adapted from the Summary prepared by the Review of Religions of Friday Sermon of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V, 18 February 2022)

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II confirms on oath being The Promised Reformer

حضرت خلیفۃ المسیح الثانیؓ نے ۱۳ مارچ ۱۹۴۴ء کو پٹیالہ ہاوس لاہور میں خطاب فرمایا:

میں اسی واحد اور قہار خدا کی قسم کھا کر کہتا ہوں، جس کی جھوٹی قسم کھانا لعنتیوں کا کام ہے اور جس پر افترا کرنے والا اس کے عذاب سے کبھی بچ نہیں سکتا کہ خدا نے مجھے اسی شہر میں ۱۳ ٹمپل روڈ پر شیخ بشیر احمد صاحب ایڈووکیٹ کے مکان میں یہ خبر دی کہ میں ہی مصلح موعود کی پیشگوئی کا مصداق ہوں اور میں ہی وہ مصلح موعود ہوں جس کے ذریعہ اسلام دنیا کے کناروں تک پہنچے گا اور توحید دنیا میں قائم ہو گی۔ (الفضل ۱۵ مارچ ۱۹۴۴ء، صفحہ نمبر ۲)

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II addressed on 13 March 1944 at Patiala House, Lahore:

I swear by God who is the One and Mighty, in Whose name taking false oath is the work of the cursed and the fabricator to Him can never escape from His punishment. God has informed me in the home of Shaikh Bashir Ahmad, Advocate, of this very city, at 13 Temple Road, that I fulfill the prophecy of the Promised Reformer and I am the Promised Reformer under whom Islam shall reach the corners of the Earth and the Oneness of God shall be established in the world.

(Translated by the Editor Ahmadiyya Gazette USA. Picture of Khalifatul-Masih II: Al-Hakam, 17 December 2021, p. 17)

Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad (Khalifatul-Masih II and Muslih Mau'ūd) in Dalhousie, India on 25 June 1918. Photo from Al-Hakam dated 14 July 1918. The editor of the newspaper at that time was Hazrat Sheikh Yaqub Ali Irfani, may Allah be pleased with him)

Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd urges Ahmadiyya Community USA to adopt the system of Waṣiyyat

The Promised Messiah published 'Al-Waṣiyyat' (The Will) on 24 December 1905. The book gives the glad tidings of the second manifestation of Divine grace in the form of Khilāfat, details the institution of the grand scheme of making a testamentary disposition for the cause of Islam and establishment of a graveyard named as *Bahishtī Maqbarah* [The Will (Foreword), Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi (1905), Islam International Publications, UK, p. V]. The system will fulfill the future financial needs of the Jamā'at and shall have superiority over all other economic systems prevalent in the world. It shall fulfill the needs of *Tablīgh* (preaching) and publication demands of Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya International.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) sent a message on second annual conference in Pittsburg on September 17-18, 1949 elaborating system of Waṣiyyat for Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA. Following are the main points of his message (for detail, please see the Aḥmadiyya Gazette USA, April-September 2020, pp. 69-71):

My dear brethren of America!

You should endeavor to learn as much knowledge of the Jamā'at as possible so that God is pleased with you. God has given you a complete code of conduct in Quran and it is in your interest to act and benefit from it. Americans should serve in the interest of God. Your efforts bear fruit and your country may turn a fort of Islam. God bestow his blessings on you.

Al-Waṣiyyat is a document of great importance and must be carefully studied by every Ahmadi. I hope that each of you on studying this document will be inspired with eager desire to participate in the grand scheme set out therein which is so vital for the advancement of Islam and humanity.

In compliance with the spirit of Al-Waṣiyyat the Ahmadiyya Association of the United States of America will arrange for the purchase as early as may be of a suitable plot of land in some central locality which may be dedicated as a place of burial for those who make their wills in compliance with the conditions set out in Al-Waṣiyyat. I am convinced that once this project is put into effect in the States, it will quickly gather force and thousands of your countrymen may even millions will in due course join this scheme and thus swell the numbers of those who shall continuously devote their efforts and substantial portions of their incomes and property to the objects mentioned in Al-Waṣiyyat.

It is essential and full care must be taken that carrying into effect of the whole of this scheme shall be in accordance with the law of the United States of America so that no objection on that score should at any time operate to defeat or discount the purpose of this scheme.

The system of Al-Waṣiyyat will multiply its beneficence and shall prove the means of the uplift of all the weaker sections of humanity and for the spread of general prosperity and the promotion of human welfare. Any system which is based on coercion or compulsion cannot achieve the same result. The scheme set out in Al-Waṣiyyat being purely voluntary and a free gift for the service of Islam and humanity will carry with it moral and spiritual benefits which may be lacking in any other system.

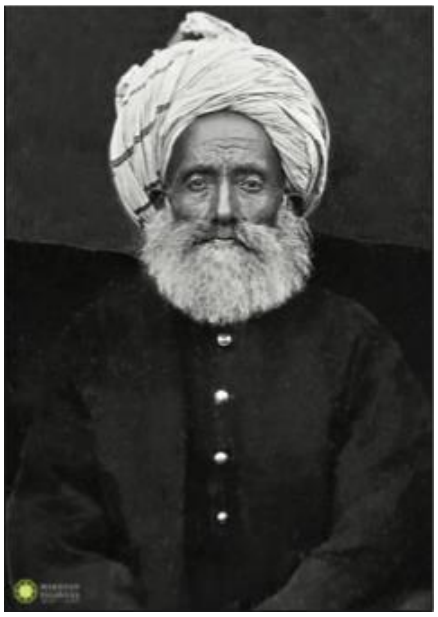
Brethren: We are weak, but our God is strong and Almighty. We can do but little, but He can do everything. Be sure that His help is speeding towards you. Indeed, He Himself stands at your door waiting to enter. Spring up therefore and open wide your doors for Him to enter. When God enters your homes and fills your hearts, life will become radiant for you and you will be glorified on earth as He is glorified in the Heavens. May God be with you? Amen. (The Review of Religions, January 1956, pp. 8-12)

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his helper) in his concluding address of Jalsa Salana UK 2004, stated: "If you wish to ascertain the importance of this institute [Waṣiyyat] from a worldly perspective, then 60 years ago, Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) delivered a speech at Jalsa which is a book published by the name of Nizam-e-Nau [The New World Order]. If one reads this book, they realize that all the worldly orders of today which are being championed are lost causes and if there is a revolutionary system which can be a means of tranquility for the world, for the soul and can, in reality, claim to serve mankind, then it is the system of Waṣiyyat as presented by the Promised Messiah (peace be on him)."

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V directed his community to produce a further 15,000 Mūṣīs within a year. Furthermore, by 2008, which would be the centenary year of Khilafat, 50% of all *Chanda* payers in every country where the community was established to join this heavenly scheme.

Hazrat Sahibzada Abdul Lateef
The first martyr of Ahmadiyyat in Kabul, Afghanistan

(May peace and blessings of Allah be on him)



Hazrat Sahibzada Syed Abdul Lateef (may Allah be pleased with him) was a very revered person from the province of Khost, Afghanistan. He had thousands of followers. He was so respected by the ruler of Afghanistan that King Habibullah Khan; Ameer of Kabul invited him at his coronation to perform the crowning ceremony. He had read some of the books of Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) that made a deep impression on him.

He visited Qadian in 1902 to have an audience with Hazrat Ahmad (peace be on him). He accepted Ahmadiyyat in his first meeting with the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). He immensely enjoyed the company of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) so much so that he decided to stay in Qadian a little longer. During his stay he received revelations repeatedly forewarning him to be prepared to sacrifice himself for Ahmadiyyat.

Eventually he went back to Afghanistan with Huzoor's consent. When the Ameer of Kabul found out that Sahibzada Sahib had converted to Ahmadiyyat, he was arrested and imprisoned for four months. Many leading citizens of Kabul and the Ameer himself tried to persuade Hazrat Sahibzada to renounce Ahmadiyyat. "How can I relinquish the truth?" was his reply. The religious divines had him declared a heretic, and the Ameer ordered to have him stoned to death.

On 14 July 1903 when he was about to be stoned, he was told once again to recant so he could be spared from death. "My life and my family mean nothing to me, as opposed to my faith that I cannot relinquish to save my neck" the martyr replied. He was buried up to his waist in the ground and stoned. The stoning continued on until his soul departed from his body to Allah.

Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

On his martyrdom, Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) expressed his grief in the following words:

"اے عبدالطیف تیرے پر ہزار رحمتیں کہ تو نے میری زندگی میں اپنے صدق کا نمونہ دکھایا"

O' Abdul Lateef, may you be blessed thousands of times as you proved your sincerity in my lifetime… This was a most merciless killing that has no match in this age. What folly has this Amir committed that he has ruined himself by his merciless killing of such an innocent person. O land of Afghanistan, bears witness that a grave offence has been committed in thee. O, unfortunate land thou have fallen in the estimation of God in that this great tragedy was enacted in thee. (Tadhkirah-tush-Shahādatāin, p. 72, Published by the London Mosque, 16 Gressenhall Road, London SW18 %QL)

As foretold by Hazrat Ahmad, peace be on him, in the above prophecy, the entire family of Ameer Habibullah Khan was wiped out because of this barbaric crime. The Ameer himself and his brother Nasrullah Khan were both assassinated, later on his family was forced to go into exile. The day after the stoning, a severe epidemic of cholera broke out in Kabul that killed thousands of citizens including close relatives of the Amir. The country has been in turmoil ever since Hazrat Sahibzada Abdul Latif was martyred.

Khilafat News

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V meets guests and media people during fourth visit (September-October 2022) to the US

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V visited the United States of America for the fourth time from 26 September to 17 October 2022. He inaugurated "Fath-e-Azeem" Mosque, Zion, IL on October 1, 2022. On 7 October 2022, he inaugurated the Bait-ul-Ikram Mosque, Allen, Texas and Bait-ul-Qayyum Mosque, Fort Worth, Dallas, Texas. Inaugural receptions were arranged in which many dignitaries participated. He also visited Bait-ur-Rahman Complex. He met hundreds of members of the Ahmadiyya Community, USA. He presided over meetings of National Amila and Amila of all the auxiliary organizations.

During this tour, Khalifatul-Masih (may Allah be his helper) met many executives, members of US Congress and media people. The available photographs of these dignitaries with Khalifatul-Masih are being presented here.

Emily Miller of the Religion News Service (RNS) interviewed Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community on 27 September 2022

The journalist, Yadira Sanchez Olson, of the Lake County News Sun interviewed Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V before the inauguration reception of Fath-e-Azeem Mosque on 1 October 2022

Professor Dr. Craig Considine of Rice University, Houston met Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V before the inauguration reception of Fath-e-Azeem Mosque on 1 October 2022

Prior to the reception dinner of Fath-e-Azeem Mosque on 1 October 2022, some of the visiting dignitaries had the honor of having an audience with Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V– they included the following:

1. Billy McKinney, Mayor of Zion, Illinois
2. Joyce Mason, State Congresswoman, 61st District, IL
3. Raja Krishnamoorthi, US Congressman, IL, 8th District
4. Dr Katrina Lantos Swett J.D., PhD, President of the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights & Justice
5. Chelsea Hedquist, Lantos Foundation for Human Rights & Justice
6. Dr Craig Considine, PhD, Senior Lecturer, Rice University Department of Sociology
7. Sheriff John Idleburg, Police and Fire Commissioner, Lake County, IL
8. Cheri Neal, Supervisor of Zion Township and coach for Public Servants Zion, IL
9. Mary Lou Hiltibran, Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA), Zion, IL
10. Eric Reinhart, State Attorney, Lake County, Illinois
11. Rabbi Melinda Zalma, Manager of Programmes, Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding, NY
12. Rabbi Marc Belgrad, founder of B'Chavana Congregation in nearby Buffalo Grove, IL
13. Adriane Johnson, State Senator, 30th District, IL
14. Dr Gabrielle Lyon, Executive Director Humanities, IL
15. Yadira Sanchez Olson, Reporter, Lake County News-Sun which is owned by the Chicago Tribune

Dignitaries met Khalifatul-Masih V on 1 October 2022 before the Inauguration Reception of Fath-e-Azeem Mosque.

Dr. Katrina met Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V on 1 October 2022

Ghanian High commissioner met Khalifatul-Masih V on 11 October 2022

Billy McKinney, Mayor of the City of Zion presented Khalifatul-Masih V with the Key of Zion City at the time of reception of Fath-e-Azeem Mosque on 1 October 2022.

US Congressman Michael McCaul met Khalifatul-Masih V on 8 October 2022 and presented a resolution.

Professor of History, Shobana-Shankar had a meeting with Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad on 12 October 2022

(Left) Sierra Leone High commissioner, resident in USA, had a meeting with Khalifatul-Masih V on 12 October 2022

Nasirat-ul-Ahmadiyya Germany meets virtually with Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his helper)

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V held a virtual educational online class with members of Nasirat-ul-Ahmadiyya (Ahmadiyya Muslim Girls' Association) from Germany aged 10 to 12 on 22 January 2023 at Baitus Sabooh Mosque in Frankfurt.

One of the girls in attendance asked His Holiness what the best way of expressing love for Khilafat is.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad replied: "You should pray that Allah the Almighty enables you to establish a true spiritual bond with Khilafat. Secondly, try to act upon the instructions of the Khalifa of the time; it should not be that you pick and choose instructions to follow that you prefer and reject those which are not to your liking. You should not make your own interpretations of what the Khalifa of the time says according to your own preference. Rather, you should try to act on the instruction to the letter. This will enable you to build a bond and love."

A girl asked Khalifatul-Masih that some of the non-Muslim girls in her class do not like her wearing the headscarf and do not befriend her because of it. She asked for advice on how to respond to them.

Huzoor replied: "You should tell them that, 'Everyone has their own preferences. Even if you leave religion aside, you can be of any faith or no faith and despite that you make choices about your clothing and you choose to wear what you like, such as a dress or a mini skirt. You do so because you prefer that piece of clothing. Similarly, a headscarf is something I wish to wear and so I wear it. And that is not something you should object to.' They must be girls of similar age to you and so try to explain this to them that they wear what they like and you also wear what you prefer…"

A question also related to what a person should do when approached by a beggar on the street.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said: "The better approach is to give money to charity organizations. There are charities established by other communities or agencies that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community supports either through Humanity First or directly so that they are able to help the poor and they know where the need is greatest for the poor in terms of providing food, education and making medical care available. So that is why we give money to the charities. However, if a beggar approaches you directly, then our teaching is that we should not reject them, instead we should give them something, even if it is a little. If you do not want to give them money, then at least never speak harshly to them because we do not know if they are in genuine need or not as we do not know what is in the hearts of others." (From Khalifatulmasih.org)

International News of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

Kenya Jamā'at holds 55th Annual Convention

Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Kenya held its 55th annual convention at the Jamā'at headquarters in Nairobi from 10 to 11 December 2022. The theme for this year's convention was "Service to Religion is a Blessing from God."

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his helper) sent an inspiring message. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said:

> "Every Ahmadi Muslim knows that our Jalsa Salana, in whichever country it is held – and for which you have gathered once again in Kenya – is not a place for materialistic gains or recreation. Rather, our aim is to partake of its spiritual atmosphere and to strive for the sake of our moral reformation. We should endeavor to learn much more about the wonderful religion we believe in – that is, Islam – and try to appreciate the finer points of our faith, and seek to act upon its beautiful teachings by fulfilling not only the rights of Allah but also the rights of mankind."

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said:

> "The key purpose of this convention is to enable every sincere individual, to personally experience religious benefit, to broaden their knowledge and to deepen their understanding of Allah the Almighty, by the grace and opportunity given by Him. Apart from this, the other benefits are to have an escalation of acquaintanceship among all brothers and this will strengthen the loving relationship within the community…."(Ishtihar 27 December 1892, Majmu'a Ishtiharat, Vol. 1, p. 360, Edition 2019)

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih further said:

> "Preaching is essential for every Ahmadi Muslim so you should remain active in your Tabligh efforts and be always exploring new ways and means of conveying the message of Islam Ahmadiyyat to the people not only of Kenya, or the African continent, but indeed the whole world."

Four speeches were delivered on the first day. Sheikh Abdallah Hussein Juma spoke on "Blessings of Khilafat." Sheikh Yusuf Obatt, spoke on "The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is the best example for the whole of mankind." Sheikh Basharat Malik addressed on the advent of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him).The last speech was delivered by Sheikh Muhammad Adnan Hashmi on "The best ways to use social media.

The first speech on second day was on "Nizam-e-Jamā'at," by Sheikh Nasir Mehmood Tahir. The second speech was about the blessings of financial sacrifices, delivered by my humble self, Secretary Isha'at. The third speech was on "The Truth of the Promised Messiah," by Sheikh Sadam Rajab. The fourth speech was presented by Sheikh Faheem Ahmad Lakhan on "The Holy Prophet: The best example." Another speech was delivered by Sheikh Muhammad Afzal Zafar on "Service to Religion is a Blessing from God."

Thereafter, Amir and missionary in-charge, Tariq Mahmood Zafar delivered the concluding address. He urged the members to step up and do what is required of them as Ahmadis. He said that we should sacrifice not only in terms of wealth, but also in terms of time and help the Jamā'at of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him).

News of US Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

Dr. Karimullah Zirvi, ex-editor of The Ahmadiyya Gazette USA, passes away

It is with great sorrow and sadness, I am informing you all that Dr. Karimullah Zirvi passed away on 4 January 2023 in Columbia, Maryland. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)].

Dr. Zirvi was born on 20 May 20 1940 in Lahore, Pakistan. He was son of Sufi Khuda Baksh Zirvi who did his Bai'at during the time of Khalifatul-Masih II and worked in Waqf-e-Jadid Rabwah as Nazim Mal when Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad (Khalifatul-Masih IV) was Nazim Irshad Waqf-e-Jadid Rabwah.

Dr. Karimullah Zirvi completed his undergraduate education in 1959 at Ta'līm-ul-Islam College Rabwah, Pakistan. In 1963, he completed his master degree in Chemistry from Karachi University. In 1968, he did his Ph.D. in Pharmacology from the laboratory of Dr. Charles H. Jarboe, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky.

He was married to Amatul Latif Zirvi. She was the daughter of the late Malik Saif-ur-Rahman, former Mufti of the Ahmadiyya Jamā'at and sister of Mujeeb Malik and Athar Malik of North Virginia Jamā'at. In 1978, Dr. Zirvi and his family migrated to the US.

He served the USA Jamā'at in different positions. He served in local Jamā'at as National Secretary Ta'lim, President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Scientists Association as well as the General Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Medical Association, member of Qada Board and Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, USA. He authored half a dozen books for Jamā'at members.

He is survived by three sons, Nasir Zirvi, Dr. Monib Zirvi, Dr. Khalid Zirvi and a daughter, Sumra Zirvi, and eleven grandchildren. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V led his funeral prayer in-absentia after Friday Prayer on 20 January 2023. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said:

> "Dr Karimullah Zirvi was from USA and was the son of Sufi Khuda Bakhsh Zirvi. Dr Karimullah Zirvi passed away on 4 January 2023. He was also the son-in-law of Malik Saif-ur-Rahman. He was a great scholar; he has written various books and served the Community in various ways. He prayed that may Allah grant him forgiveness and mercy." (Friday Sermon, 20 January 2023)

Amatul Latif Zirvi of Maryland Jamā'at passes Jamā'at away

It is with great sorrow and sadness, I am informing that Amatul Latif Zirvi of Maryland Jamā'at passed away on 6 January 2023 in Columbia, Maryland. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)].

She was wife of Late Dr. Karimullah Zirvi who recently passed away on 4 January 2023.

She attended her husband's funeral prayer in Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque. Upon returning home she had a cardiac arrest and within no time passed away.

Amtul Latif Zirvi was daughter of Late Hazrat Saif-ur-Rahman Malik, Mufti Jamā'at Ahmadiyya.

She was an active Ahmadi and a Musiyya and served the US Jamā'at in many capacities. She was President of the North Jersey Lajna Ima'illah for many years. She wrote many letters to various newspapers in the USA defending Islam. Many of these were published in Newsweek, Time Magazine and newspapers such as the Star Ledger and the Record in New Jersey.

Late Dr. Karim Zirvi and late Amtul Latif are survived by four children, including Nasir Zirvi Khalid Zirvi, Monib Zirvi and Sumra Zirvi. They also have a total of eleven Grandchildren. She was the eldest sister of Mujeeb Malik and Athar Malik of North Virginia Jamā'at. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V led her funeral prayer in-absentia after Friday Prayer on 20 January 2023. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said:

"Amatul Latif Zirvi was the wife of Dr Karimullah Zirvi and the daughter of Malik Saif-ur-Rahman. She passed away on 6 January 2023, two days after the passing of her husband. Her mother's name was Amatul Rashid Shaukat who served as the Editor of the Al-Misbah magazine in Rabwah. She possessed great intellectual prowess, and also had the opportunity of serving the Community. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih prayed that may Allah grant her forgiveness and mercy. Her brother writes that both husband and wife

had great love for each other. They endured difficulties but never complained. They were both oceans of knowledge and cared for everyone around them with love until their last days."(Friday Sermon, 20 January 2023)

Naseem Zia passes away

Naveed Ahmad of Bait-us-Salam Halqa informed that his mother Naseem Zia passed away on 15 January 2023 after a short illness. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)].

She was the daughter of Ch. Abdur Rahman and Nazir Begum of Behlolpur. She was the daughter-in-law of Ch. Ismatullah Khan and Bibi Fatima Begum of Behlolpur. She was the wife of Late Ch. Ziauddin Ahmed of Los Angeles (Halqa Baitus Salaam). She was the mother of Sadia Zia, Naveed Ahmed, Aisha Zia, Fareed Ahmad, and Hina Zia of Los Angeles (Halqa Baitus Salaam) and mother-in-law of Syed Qasim Rizvi, Dawn Ahmed, Iftikhar Ahmed, Bonnie Ahmad, and Usman Tariq of Los Angeles (Halqa Baitus Salaam). She was the sister-in-law of Late Ch. Anees Ahmed and Fazilat Anees (Halqa Bait-ul-Hamid), Ch. Jalaluddin Ahmed and Rahat Ahmed of Los Angeles (Halqa Baitul Salaam).

She was the wife of Ch. Ziauddin Ahmed (Marhoom) of Los Angeles (Halqa Baitus Salaam). She was the mother of Sadia Zia, Naveed Ahmed, Aisha Zia, Fareed Ahmad, and Hina Zia of Los Angeles (Halqa Baitus Salaam) and mother-in-law of Syed Qasim Rizvi, Dawn Ahmed, Iftikhar Ahmed, Bonnie Ahmad, and Usman Tariq of Los Angeles (Halqa Baitus Salaam).

She was a loving mother and grandmother. She left behind five children and nine grandchildren. She always showed special and strong belief in Allah Ta'ala. She was a woman of strong resolve and possessed a lot of great qualities, including bravery, honesty, love, compassion, and was extremely hospitable to all. She was always eager to help the poor and needy. She was regular in observing Salat and in paying Sadqa, and inculcated the importance of prayers, with strong emphasis on building a strong bond with Allah Ta'ala.

(Naveed Ahmad of Bait-us-Salam Halqa)

Maryam Bibi Basharat of North Virginia Jamā'at passes away

It is with great sadness that I convey the news of the demise of Maryam Bibi Basharat wife of Sher Ali Khan Basharat of North Virginia Jama'at. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)].

Maryam Bibi was a long-standing member of the NVA Jamā'at. May Almighty Allah have mercy on her soul and grant peace and steadfastness to the family. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

Invitation to Writers for the Ahmadiyya Gazette, USA

We are thankful to all those who send us articles and Ahmadiyya news of chapters for publishing in the Ahmadiyya Gazette, USA. May Allah reward them for their sincerity. We recently published three souvenirs to commemorate hundred years of Ahmadiyyat in the US. The last souvenir was on "American Icons of Ahmadiyyat." We feel that many inspired souls could not be part of that souvenir. We invite to all those who want to contribute on the US icons of Ahmadiyyat. In the December 2022 issue of online Ahmadiyya Gazette, we published on "Hussein Abdul Aziz of Philadelphia." Please send us your articles at gazette@ahmadiyya.us, any article which can be of general interest to a large number of audience. (The editor, the Ahmadiyya Gazette, USA)

Errata

The article on "Hussein Abdul Aziz of Philadelphia" in online December issue of the Ahmadiyya Gazette USA, page 22, was inadvertently printed as written by Tahir Abdullah Hagura, Philadelphia. It is actually written by Isha'at Department, Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, Philadelphia. The error is rectified. (Editor Ahmadiyya Gazette USA)

Teachings of peace according to my belief

Masroor Mosque, Manassas VA holds peace symposium

A peace symposium "Teachings of Peace-According to my Belief" was organized by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community at Masroor Mosque, Manassas VA, USA on 22 January 2023. The event was organized to bring together, religious leaders and their congregation, friends and neighbors of the Masroor Mosque of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to share their thoughts on the important subject of peace in the light of the teachings of their respective faiths and perspectives.

The program started with a recitation from the Holy Quran with English translation. Mr. Tanveer Zafar, President of the Masroor Mosque SVA chapter, welcomed all guests.

Many distinguished guests spoke at the occasion including Rabbi Lizz Goldstein - Ner Shalom, Rob Warner - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, John Steinbach - Former Chair Unity In the Community & Chair of PW NAACP Community Coordination Committee, Darshan Singh-Sikh Center of Virginia, Colonel Peter Newsham Chief of Police, Prince William County, Clark Price-the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Imam Sulaiman Tarawallie-Masjid Jalil and Chief police of Manassas VA, Col. Peter Newsham.

Shamshad A Nasir, Regional Missionary of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community at Masroor Mosque delivered the Keynote address. He explained the teachings of peace according to the Holy Quran. The Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) through his practice taught Muslims to offer prayer of peace to greet people. He explained that Islam requires Muslims to be at peace with all prophets sent by God, not to differentiate between them and a Muslim should not focus on proving the superiority of one prophet over another.

Many of the respected guests including Rev. Charlotte Lehmann, Bakhshees Singh of MD Gurdwara, Alhaj Sako Sierra Leone, Mr Lamin Condey and Imam Tasleem from Sierra Leone Muslim Community and Jibrail Sesay president SLJ shared their thoughts. Some of the guests shared their gratitude and appreciation for the schools and hospitals built by Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in their country-of-origin Sierra Leone and other countries of W. Africa, which they thought have been an important step in promoting peace through providing opportunities to those in disadvantaged positions in the society.

Event concluded with the announcement by missionary Shamshad Nasir that the doors of our Mosque are opened for all who wants to talk about peace and not politics and who wants to worship one God. He also led silent prayer. Dinner provided an opportunity to all the participants to socialize and get to know each other. An exhibition of the Holy Quran and other books was organized on the occasion. Volunteers of Humanity First from Masroor Mosque had set up a display showcasing the work of the nonprofit at Masroor Mosque and around the world. (Report by Mirza Ma'az Ali and Shela Ahmad SVA, USA)

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Detroit, Michigan distributes gifts and Seasons Greetings cards to the Neighbors

Season's Greetings
Happy New Year
FERRERO ROCHER
Fine Hazelnut Chocolates
NET WT 5.3 OZ (150g)
You are cordially invited to a seminar
Real story of Muhammad
MESSENGER OF PEACE
A glimpse into the life of Muhammad based on recorded facts of history.
Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST
Complimentary Dinner will be served
Register:
https://forms.gle/cmJnE13SYt3PJoHt8
Masjid (mosque) Mahmood
1730 W. Auburn Rd. Rochester Hill, MI
248.293.0072 | info.det@ahmadiyya.us

Detroit Jamā'at distributed gifts and year end/season's greetings to Mahmood Mosque's neighbors on December 28, 2022.

This project started many days ahead of the pre-scheduled distribution day with the purchase of gift-size chocolate boxes. Packing and gift-wrapping materials were purchased by Lajna members and a group of fourteen Lajna and Nasirat spent many hours wrapping the gifts. The gift packet included a chocolate box, season's greetings card and an upcoming Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) – Messenger of Peace flyer.

On the day of the gift-giving, a group of Ansar, Khuddam and Atfāl

gathered at the Mosque around noon where five groups of two members each were made, and specific streets/areas were assigned to each group. Our missionary provided guidance and led in silent prayers before leaving for the gift distribution.

At another house, when the team approached the doorbell, they noticed a message that read that they are not in any sort of political, religious or marketing solicitation at all. Members decided to leave the house but then decided to ring the doorbell anyway. When the person opened the door, he was very apprehensive and didn't want to engage at all. The members said they are here to say happy new year and give a gift. He took the gift and asked, "now tell me what you need and what are you here for?" When he was told that there was nothing the members of the neighborhood mosque needed, his face and behavior changed entirely, and he became very thankful and friendly and said that he knows the mosque and has been driven by it.

There were other such incidents noted as well during the gift-giving campaign where the neighbors initially seemed not interested much, however, later became very friendly upon learning that they are receiving the season's greetings and gift from their neighborhood mosque.

Overall, more than twenty-four members (men and ladies) took part in this blessed teamwork and volunteered their time to make this noble task a success.

Overall, the program went very well, and teams were able to distribute 90+gifts.

Please pray for the volunteers that May Allah bless and reward them all for their sacrifice of time and effort. Ameen (Muhammad Ahmad, Secretary Tabligh, Detroit Jama'at)

Columbus, Ohio chapter holds "Seerat-un-Nabi" day

Columbus, Ohio chapter of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA held "Seerat-un-Nabi" day on 29 January 2023 at Bait-un-Nasir Mosque. The president of the chapter chaired the event.

Young boys of Waqf-e-Nau made the event impressive. Firstly, five Waqf-e-Nau Atfāl read Arabic "Qaseeda" of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) in chorus. They also read English translation of the couplets. Sohaib Awan, a Waqf-e-Nau Khadam delivered a speech on "Love of the Holy Prophet."

Then another Waqf-e-Nau, young Khadam, Rehan Mobusher made power point presentation on "The Holy Prophet helping the poor."

(Report by Dr. Mahmud Ahmad Nagi, Secretary Waqf-e-Nau, Columbus, Ohio)

Lehigh Valley Chapter USA distributes essentials to the needy

Lehigh Valley Chapter of Ahmadiyya Community USA started distributing kits of essential items to needy and homeless few years ago. In the beginning we kept only food and snack but now we have added other essential items. Recently one of our local member who work as a mailman, spent the whole day in cold weather to deliver kits to the needy persons. Following items were distributed in kits.

Floss, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Different Snacks, Combs, Razor, Vaseline, Chapstick, Handwarmer, Nail Cutter and Gloves.

Total Kits distributed were 40. Our members of the chapter are making more. Kits were distributed throughout the Lehigh Valley mostly in Allentown. (Report by Farid Ahmad, Publication Secretary, Lehigh Valley Chapter)

Farid Ahmad is with Ahmad Chaudhry.
February 16, 2020
Yesterday some of my friends have opportunity to donate and serve food to Allentown Rescue Mission. They also donated care kits. I was not able to go because I was serving my postal costumers by delivering their mail.
Ronald Cameli, Joel Grossman and 17 others
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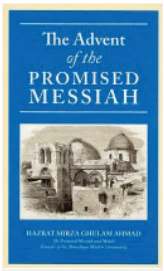
Have you read all the books of the Promised Messiah?

May peace be upon him

Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, may peace be upon him, says, “Our books are compiled after due research and after a full analysis of facts. They are designed to draw seekers after truth to the path of truth. They must reach people who happen to have been infected by hostile writings, some of them on the brink of spiritual ruin. Especially must those countries receive our books and receive them soon which happen to have been infected most dangerously by the poison of misguidance, so that all those interested in a search of truth have the books soon enough in their hands. This purpose cannot be served if we decide to push the publication and circulation of books only through sales. A business outlook in such a matter in any case seems unworthy and objectionable.” (Victory of Islam, Page 45, Published in 1891)



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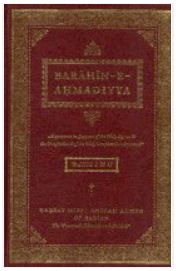

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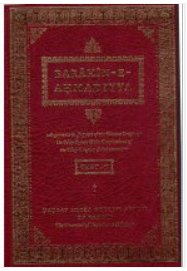

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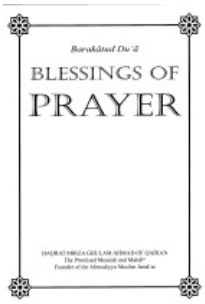

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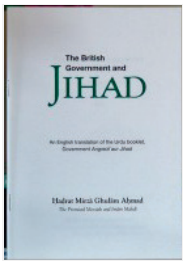

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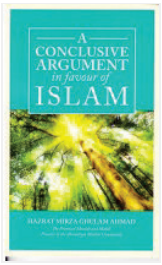

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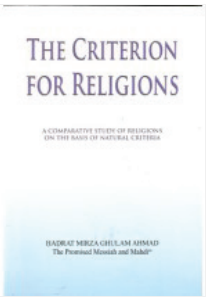

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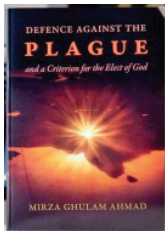

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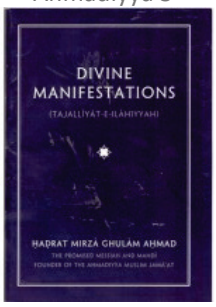

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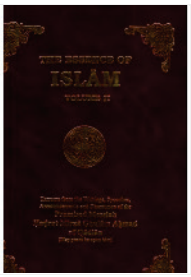

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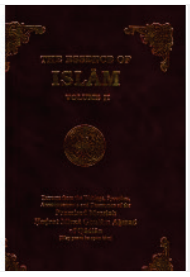

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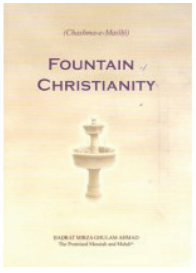

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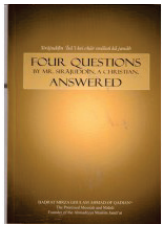

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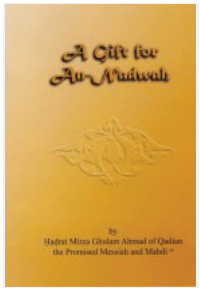

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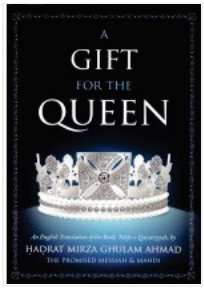

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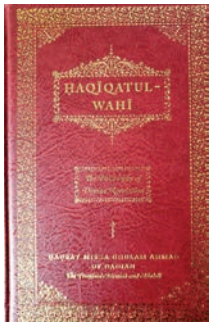

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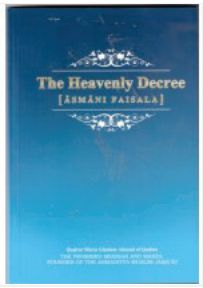

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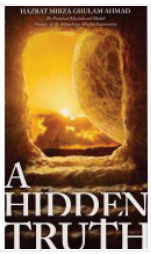

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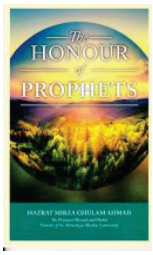

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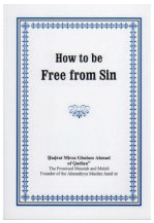

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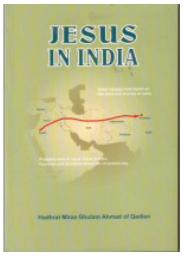

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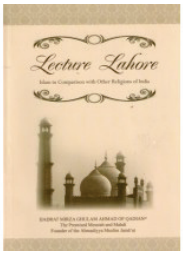

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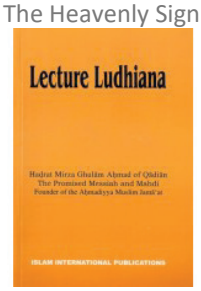

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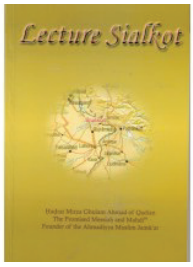

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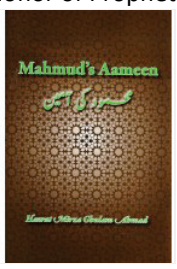

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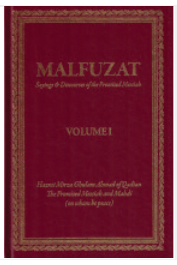

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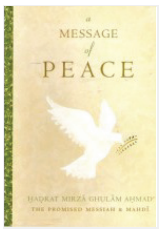

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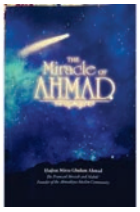

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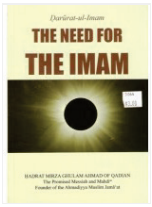

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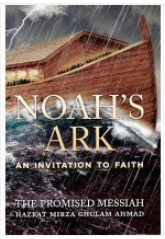

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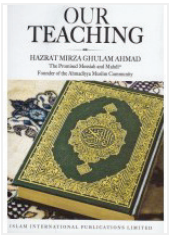

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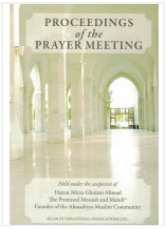

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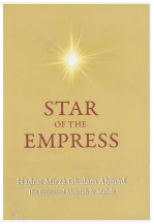

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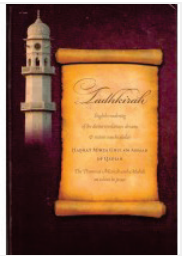

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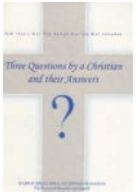

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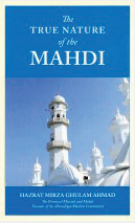

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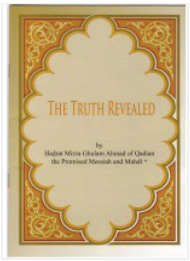

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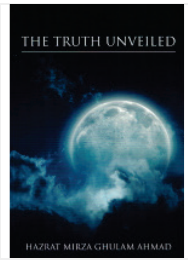

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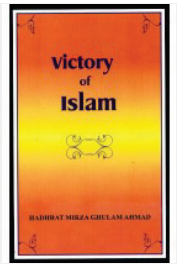

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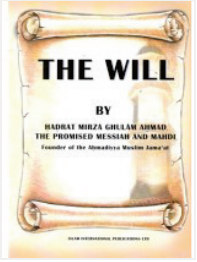

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USA Jamā‘at Calendar 2023

Date/Day/Time	Event	Local/Region/National	Venue
1 Jan, Sun	New Year’s Day		Federal Holiday
7-8 Jan-Sat-Sun	Local/Auxiliary Activities, Reviews 2022 & Plans 2023	Local/ Auxiliary/Jamā‘at	
8 Jan, Sun [3 PM EST]	An Overview of Jamā‘at Financial System	National Finance Dept.	Webinar
8 Jan, Sun [8 PM EST]	National Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyat Dept.	Webinar
10-20 Jan-Tue-Fri	Ashara Waṣiyyat	National Wasaya Dept	Jamā‘at
13-15 Jan-Fri-Sun	Ansar Leadership Conference Aux National Majlis Ansarullah		Baitul Ikram Dallas
14 Jan-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama‘at	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
16 Jan, Mon	Martin Luther King Jr Day—Long Weekend		Federal Holiday
21 Jan-Sat	9th Annual USA Qur‘ān & Science Symposium AAMS		Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
22 Jan Sun	Seerat-un-Nabi Day	Regional	Jama’at
28 Jan-Sat	Waqf-e-Nau Career Expo-National	National Waqf-e-Nau Dept	In-Person / Virtual
29 Jan, Sun,	Public Affairs Seminar National Umur Khārijiyya Dept		Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
1-10 Feb-Wed-Fri	Salat Ashara	National Tarbiyat Dept	Jamā‘at
4-5 Feb, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā‘at /Auxiliary Activities	Local/Auxiliary	Jamā‘at
11 Feb-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama’at	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
12 Feb Sun	President’s Refresher Course	National Jamā‘at	GS Office Zoom
12 Feb-Sun 8 PM EST	National Tarbiyat Webinar	.Tarbiyat Department	Webinar
17-19 Feb-Fri-Sun	Masroor International Sports Tournament	Sports Dept	New York
18 Feb Sat	Jami'a Inspiration and Orientation Camp	Waqf-e-Nau Dept	Virtual
20 Feb, Mon	President’s Day - Long Weekend	.	Federal Holiday
25 Feb, Sun	Lajna National Tabligh/Media/Public Affair Training	Aux National Lajna Ima’illah	Virtual
26 Feb, Sat	Muslih Mau‘ūd Day	Local	Jamā‘at
4-5 Mar, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā‘at /Auxiliary Activities	Local/Auxiliary	Jamā‘at
4-5 Mar, Sat-Sun	MKA Khuddam / Atfāl Ijtima	Auxiliary MKA	Local
10-12 Mar Fri-Sun	2nd Refresher Course, Dar-ul-Qada USA	Dar-ul-Qada Dept	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
10-20 Mar-Fri-Mon	Ashara Waṣiyyat	National Wasaya Dept	Jamā‘at
11 Mar-Sat	Rishta Nata Webinar-Garments for Each Other	National Rishta Nata Dept	Webinar
11 Mar-Sat	Rishta Nata-Meet and Greet Program	National Rishta Nata Dept	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
12 Mar, Sun, 8 PM EST	National Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyyat Dept.	Webinar
17-19-Mar, Fri-Sun	Lajna National Mentoring Conference	Aux National Lajna Ima’illah	.. .. Baitul Ikram, Dallas
18 Mar-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama’at	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
18 Mar-Sat	Local Qur‘ān Conference	TaQWA Dept	Jamā‘at
19 Mar-Sun	Know Your History Webinar	Isha‘at Dept	Webinar
23 Mar to 20 Apr	Ramadan Starts	Local	Jamā‘at
26 Mar, Sun	Masih Mau‘ūd Day	Local	Jamā‘at
1-10 Apr-Sat-Mon	Salat Ashara	National Tarbiyat Dept	Jamā‘at
1-2 Apr, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā‘at /Auxiliary Activities	Local/ Auxiliary	Jamā‘at
9 Apr, Sun, 8 PM EST	National Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyyat Dept.	Webinar
21 Apr, Fri	Eid-ul-Fitr	Local	Jamā‘at
28-30 Apr, Fri-Sun	Majlis Shura-USA Jamā‘at	General Secretary Office	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
6-7 May, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā‘at /Auxiliary Activities	Local/ Auxiliary	Jamā‘at
6 May, Sat	Waqf-e-Nau Regional Ijtima	Waqf-e-Nau Dept	In-Person / East Coast Regions
13 May, Sat	Waqf-e-Nau Regional Ijtima	Waqf-e-Nau Dept	In-Person / West & Central Regions
13-14 May, Sat-Sun	Ansar Regional Ijtimas	Aux Majlis Ansarullah	Local / Regional
14 May, Sun, 8 PM	Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyat Dept.	Webinar
18-21 May Thu to Sun	.Jami‘a Canada Visit (Parents & Atfāl / Khuddam)		National Waqf-e-Nau Dept. In Person Canada
19-21 May Fri- Sun	Regional Ijtimas Khuddam / Atfāl	Aux MKA.	Local / Regional
20 May-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama’at	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
20-21 May-Sat-Sun	Majlis Ansarullah Family Day	Aux Majlis Ansarullah	Local
28 May, Sun	Khilafat Day	Local	Jamā‘at
29 May, Mon	Memorial Day Long Weekend		Federal Holiday
1-10 Jun-Thu-Sat	Salat Ashara	National Tarbiyat Dept	Jamā‘at
3-4 Jun, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā‘at/Auxiliary Activities	Local/Auxiliary	Jamā‘at
10 Jun-Sat	Rishta Nata Webinar-Garments for Each Other	National Rishta Nata Dept	Webinar
11 Jun, Sun, 8 PM EST	National Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyat Dept.	Webinar

17-18 Jun, Sat-Sun	Spiritual Fitness Camp	National Tarbiyyat Dept	Local Jama'at
18 Jun-Sun	Know Your History Webinar	Ishaat Dept	Webinar
19-22 Jun Mon-Thu	Waqf-e-Nau National Summer Camp	Waqf-e-Nau Dept.	South Virginia Mosque, VA
23-25 Jun, Fri-Sun	MKA National Ijtima	Aux National MKA	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
24 Jun Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama'at	In-Person/Zoom Meeting
28 June, Wed	Eid-ul-Aḍḥā	Local	Jamā'at
30 Jun to 9 Jul Fri-Sun	Ashara Waṣiyyat	National Wasaya Dept	Jamā'at
1-2 Jul Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at/Auxiliary Activities	Local/ Auxiliary	Jamā'at
4 Jul, Tue	Independence Day		Federal Holiday
8-14 Jul, Sat-Fri	National Youth Camp	Talim Dept	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
8-9 Jul, Sat-Sun	Ansar Regional Ijtimas	Aux Majlis Ansarullah	Local / Regional
9 Jul Sun	Academy Graduation	Tarbiyat Dept	Local Mosque
9 Jul Sun	Tarbiyat Webinar – 8 PM EDT	Tarbiyat Dept	Webinar
9 Jul, Sat-Sun	Tahir Academy Graduation	Tarbiyat Dept	Local Mosques
28-30 Jul, Fri to Sun	Jalsa Salana UK	UK	UK
29 Jul Sat	Lajna National Virtual Mentoring Conference	Aux National Lajna Ima'illah	Virtual
1-10 Aug-Sat-Mon	Salat Ashara	National Tarbiyat Dept	Jamā'at
5-6 Aug, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at /Auxiliary Activities	Local/ Auxiliary	Jamā'at
12-13 Aug, Sat-Sun	Spiritual Fitness Camp	Tarbiyat Dept	Local Jamā'at
13 Aug Sun, 8 PM EST	National Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyyat Dept.	Webinar
17-22 Aug Thu-Tue	National Tarbiyat Camp (15-18 Years old)	Aux MKA.	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
19 Aug-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama'at	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
25-27 Aug-Fri-Sun	Lajna National Ijtima	Aux National Lajna Ima'illah	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
26 Aug-Fri-Sat	Annual Tahir Academy Conference	Tarbiyat Dept	Baltimore Masjid, MD
2-3 Sep, Sat & Sun	Local Jamā'at/Auxiliary Activities	Local/ Auxiliary	Jamā'at
2-4 Sep, Sat-Mon	Labor Day - Long Weekend		Federal Holiday
9-10 Sep-Sat-Sun	Majlis Ansarullah Family Day	Aux Majlis Ansarullah	Local
10 Sep, Sun, 8 PM EST	National Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyyat Dept.	Webinar
16 Sep-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama'at	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
16 Sep-Sat	Rishta Nata Webinar-Garments for Each Other	National Rishta Nata Dept	Webinar
17 Sept, Sun	Know Your History [7:30 to 8:30 PM EST]	National Isha'at Dept	Webinar
22-24 Sept, Fri-Sun	MKA Majlis-e-Shura	Aux National MKA	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
30 Sept-1 Oct, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at/Auxiliary Activities	Local/ Auxiliary	Jamā'at
1-10 Oct-Sun-Tue	Salat Ashara	National Tarbiyat Dept	Jamā'at
6-8 Oct Fri-Sun	Ansarullah National Shura/National Ijtima	Auxiliary/Ansarullah	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
7-8 Oct Sat-Sun	Atfāl Rallies	Aux MKA Regional	Local MKA
8 Oct, Sun, 8 PM EST	National Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyyat Dept.	Webinar
9 Oct, Mon	Columbus Day - Long Weekend		Federal Holiday
14 Oct-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama'at	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
14 Oct-Sat	Annual Tarbiyat Conference	Tarbiyat Dept	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
21-22 Oct Sat Sun	National Qur'an Conference	TaQWA Dept	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
27-29 Oct, Fri to Sun	Majlis-e-Shura Lajna Ima'illah USA	Aux National Lajna Ima'illah	Atlanta Mosque, GA
3-13 Nov-Fri-Mon	Ashara Waṣiyyat	National Wasaya Dept	Jamā'at
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12 Nov, Sun, 8 PM EST	National Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyyat Dept.	Webinar
18 Nov Sat	National Annual Tarbiyat Conference	Tarbiyat Dept	Bait ur Rahman Mosque, MD
18 Nov Sat	Waqf-e-Nau Regional Ijtima	Waqf-e-Nau Dept	In Person / West & Central Regions
23-26 Nov, Thu-Sun	Thanksgiving – Long Weekend		Federal Holiday
1-10 Dec-Fri-Sun	Salat Ashara	National Tarbiyat Dept	Jamā'at
2-3 Dec, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at /Auxiliary Activities	Local/ Auxiliary	Jamā'at
8-10 Dec Fri-Sun	Fazl-e-'Umar Qa'ideen Conf / Atfāl Refresher Course	Aux National MKA	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
9 Dec-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama'at	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
9 Dec-Sat	Rishta Nata Webinar-Garments for Each Other	National Rishta Nata Dept	Webinar
10 Dec Sun	Tarbiyat Webinar – 8 PM EDT	Tarbiyat Dept	Webinar
17 Dec-Sun	Know Your History	Isha'at Dept	Webinar
22-24 Dec, Fri-Sun	West Coast Jalsa Salana (Tentative)	National/Jamā'at	Chino Mosque, CA
25 Dec, Mon	Christmas Day		Federal Holiday

Above: Plaque commemorating the inauguration of Masjid Bait-ul-Qayyum, Fort Worth, TX at the hands of Hazarat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifat-ul-Masih Vaba

Below: Artist's rendetion of the future plans for Masjid Bait-ul-Qayyum